

RESOLUTION OPPOSING TENNESSEE GAS PIPELINE COMPANY PROPOSAL

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company ("TGPC"), a subsidiary of Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, has proposed the expansion of a gas pipeline in response to increased demand for natural gas in Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project includes 14.8 miles of pipeline from East Granby to Farmington, including 5.7 miles routed through Metropolitan District Commission property; and

WHEREAS, TGPC hosted a public forum on the project in West Hartford on October 7, 2015; and

WHEREAS, TGPC acknowledged that it has had safety incidents and pipeline spills at sites throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, TGPC representatives expressed that the project can be implemented without impacting local wildlife, recreation areas and watersheds for drinking water, among other concerns; and

WHEREAS, many members of the public have expressed skepticism about the project, including representatives of the Metropolitan District Commission ("MDC"), Connecticut Sierra Club and the Connecticut Forest and Park Association; and

WHEREAS, members of the West Hartford Town Council share similar concerns about the potential impact of the project and whether TGPC has performed adequate due diligence, including exploring the possibility of alternative locations that do not impact Class 1 and 2 watershed lands; and

WHEREAS, local municipalities, including West Hartford, have very limited zoning oversight with respect to this project, with the project only requiring wetland approval from the West Hartford Town Plan and Zoning Commission, meaning that the project will never be subject to review by the West Hartford Town Council; and

WHEREAS, the proposal will be officially filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") within the next few months, and FERC is accepting public comments on the proposal until October 16, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the West Hartford Town Council hereby expresses its opposition to the TGPC project in its current form and requests that TGPC representatives explore alternative options and conduct further research to ensure that this and any other proposed project in West Hartford guarantee protection of drinking water, the impacted lands and our West Hartford community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be communicated to TGPC, Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, FERC, MDC, the Connecticut Congressional delegation and the Office of the Governor.

October 13, 2015

(Slifka, Cantor, Hall, Barnes, Captain, Casperson, Davidoff, Doar)